

**EXPEDITED HANDLING**  
**GROUP ART UNIT: 2143**  
**AFTER FINAL**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: ROSS, Robert

Appl. No. 09/714,997

Filed: November 20, 2000

For: **SYSTEM, METHOD, AND  
COMPUTER PROGRAM  
PRODUCT FOR PROVIDING A  
MULTI-USER E-MAIL SYSTEM**

Art Unit: 2143

Confirmation No. 6701

Examiner: Neurauter, George C.

Atty. Docket No. 36956-168147

Customer No.

**26694**

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Amendment and Reply to Final Office Action**

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the final Office Action dated **November 9, 2007**, Applicant submits the following Amendment and Reply.

Applicant filed a Notice of Appeal on April 9, 2008. Applicant believes the current amendment places the application in condition for allowance. The current amendment is also filed within the two-month period begun with the filing of the Notice of Appeal. Therefore, it is not believed that any additional extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required. However, if additional extensions of time are needed to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims), and any other fee deficiency are hereby authorized to be charged, any overpayments credited to, our Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

OK TO ENTER: /G.N./ (05/23/2008)